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In re application of:

Bruce A. Bennett et al.

Application No.: 10/072,379

Filed: February 5, 2002

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AND METHODS

Customer No.: 20350

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Examiner: Diane I. Lee

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2876

RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 9, 2004. In the Office Action, the only rejection was a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection over claims 1-22 of copending application number 10/222,132. A response to an Office Action for copending application number 10/222,132 is being filed concurrently herewith. In the Response to the Office Action for application number 10/222,132 is an appropriate terminal disclaimer. Hence, the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection is rendered moot.

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**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

Respectfully submitted,

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